

## **Comments on Petition for Rule Making RM-11305**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on RM-11305 filed by the Communications Think Tank. I have been a licensed amateur radio operator for almost 38 years and have operated on numerous modes (e.g., CW, SSB, SSTV, RTTY, PACTOR, packet) and all amateur bands from 1.8 MHz up through 144 MHz.

This petition proposes that the FCC eliminate all mode-based subbands in the Amateur Radio Service and substitute the present approach with "a voluntary system of coordination" on the amateur bands. This idea may sound good in theory, but I believe it would create many more problems than it would solve. Depending entirely upon voluntary band plans supported by the ARRL or any other amateur organization would be foolhardy. The ARRL points out on page 9 in its own petition (RM-11306) that "Because there is a strong tradition in the United State of restricting subbands by rule rather than purely through voluntary band plans, complete elimination of regulatory band segments and complete reliance on informal band planning does not appear to be a suitable option in the United States."

Narrow-band modes need legal protection from wide-band modes. I strongly urge the Commission to reject this petition from further consideration.

Very truly yours,

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